

House Committee on Insurance

Minutes of Meeting
2020 First Extraordinary Session
June 24, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Chad Brown, chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Chad Brown, chairman
Representative Edmond Jordan, vice chairman
Representative Mary DuBuisson
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Lawrence "Larry" Frieman
Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.
Representative Sherman Q. Mack
Representative Danny McCormick
Representative Matthew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Paul Hollis
Representative Mike Huval

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rashida Keith, attorney
Charlotte Cravins, attorney
Christie L. Russell, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 by Representative Brown

Representative Brown presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 26, which requests a joint subcommittee of the House Committee on Insurance and Senate Committee on Insurance to undertake a study to make recommendations for proposed legislation relative to balance or surprise billing in Louisiana.

Representative Brown offered amendments to House Concurrent Resolution No. 26, which would add representatives of health insurance agents. Representative Brown offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Illg, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 26 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Illg, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Resolution No. 36 by Representative Magee

Representative Magee presented House Resolution No. 36, which requests the House Committee on Insurance to study and make recommendations regarding the effects of making the commissioner of insurance an appointed position.

Representative Brown offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 36 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 36 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Brown, DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Illg, Mack, McCormick, and Willard voted yea.

House Resolution No. 43 by Representative Landry

Representative Landry presented House Resolution No. 43, which requests the attorney general to withdraw the state of Louisiana from the lawsuit challenging the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Susan East Nelson, Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families, 13609 Landmark Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 43.

Representative Willard offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 43 favorably, to which Representative Mack objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 4 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Brown, Jordan, Green, and Willard voted yea. Representatives DuBuisson, Edmonston, Firment, Frieman, Illg, Mack, and McCormick voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 41 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Chad Brown
House Committee on Insurance

Date adopted: April 22, 2021